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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CONFERENCE OF UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS

REF: BELGRADE 8171

1. DEPARTMENT CONTACTED JACK FISHER OF JHU REGARDING CONCERN EXPRESSED PARA 2 REFTEL. FISHER INFORMED US JHU HAD RECEIVED TENTATIVE COMMITMENTS FROM VICE RECTOR POPOVIC OF BELGRADE AND RECTORS OF NOVI SAD AND LJUBLJANA UNIVERSITIES TO ATTEND CONFERENCE, THUS WAS SURPRISED AT EMBASSY UNDERSTANDING. JHU OFFICIALS WILL MEET WITH ZAGREB UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS IN YUGOSLAVIA IN MID-JANUARY REGARDING CONFERENCE AND WILL INFORM EMBASSY OF RESULTS.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO AYES PROVIDING TRAVEL GRANTS FOR YUGOSLAV PARTICIPANTS IN RETURN CONFERENCE IN US.

3. REFTEL DOES NOT SPECIFY ANY AMOUNT FOR GRANT TO JHU FOR CONFERENCE. ON BASIS CONVERSATION WITH BPAO DALY, DEPARTMENT-
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MENT ALLOWED \$6000 IN BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR YUGOSLAVIA. IF EMBASSY ACCEPTS THIS AMOUNT FOR GRANT PROVIDED YUGOSLAV ATTENDANCE PROBLEM SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED, DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO SO INFORM FISHER.
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